

Division of Workers' Compensation

This monthly e-newsletter provides updates on the Workplace Safety Programs of the Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC). Both subscribers and non-subscribers of workers' compensation insurance are eligible for these services.

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Work Zone Safety

National Work Zone Awareness Week is March 23 through 27 and is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), and the American Traffic Safety Services Association (ATSSA). This year's theme is "Expect the Unexpected." Fines for moving violations in work zones in Texas can be as high as \$400. The costs can be even greater, including jail time or even a life.



Work zones are those sections of the highways marked by cones, barrels, and signs where road construction is taking place. Even though they are marked and signposted as areas where motorists must slow down and drive with extra caution, many drivers speed up to get through the construction area as quickly as possible.

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Safety Tips

Eye Safety; Poisoning – Prevention and Treatment Tips

Eye Safety

March is Workplace Eye Wellness Month, sponsored by Prevent Blindness America. The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) reports that more than 22,000 eye injuries resulting in lost workdays occurred in American



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Work Zone Safety (cont.)

According to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), in 2013, there were 17,266 crashes in roadway construction and maintenance zones in Texas, resulting in 3,522 serious injuries and 115 fatalities. The two leading causes of work zone crashes are excessive speed and the failure to remain alert while driving. Two in five work zone crashes are rear-end collisions.

TxDOT indicates that there can be as many as 1,000 active work zones in Texas at any one time. There are currently 20 active work zones along Interstate 35 encompassing 109.6 miles from north to south Texas. This is the highest number of TxDOT work zones on the state's main corridor as it tackles one of the largest construction programs in department history.

The FHWA offers the following ten tips for driving in work zones:

- **Expect The Unexpected.** Things may change overnight. Normal speed limits may be reduced, traffic lanes may be closed, narrowed, or shifted, and people may be working on or near the road.
- **Don't Speed.** Obey the posted speed limit at all times, even when workers are not present.
- **Don't Tailgate.** Keep a safe distance between you and the car ahead of you and the construction workers and their equipment. Rear-end collisions account for 30% of work zone crashes.
- **Obey Road Crew Flaggers and Pay Attention To The Signs.** The flagger knows what is best for moving traffic safely in the work zone. The warning signs are there to help you and other drivers move safely through the work zone.
- **Stay Alert and Minimize Distractions.** Dedicate your full attention to the roadway and avoid changing radio stations or using cell phones and other electronic devices while approaching and driving in a work zone.
- **Keep Up With The Traffic Flow.** Do not slow down to "gawk" at road work.

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Download!

DWC Resources

The DWC offers the following free driving safety publication:

- *Driving in Highway Construction Zones – Take 5 for Safety*

This publication, available in both English and Spanish, can be downloaded from the agency website at <http://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/safety/videoresources/targtransrld.html>, along with over 30 other driving safety publications.

The DWC features a free occupational safety and health DVD loan library. Call 512-804-4620 for more information or visit the DWC website at <http://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/safety/videoresources/avcatalog.html>. DVDs on many driving dangers can be found under the following headings:

- *Driving Safety;* and
- *Road Construction Safety.*

Other Resources

The FHWA maintains an index page of Work Zone safety resources on its website at <http://www.ops.fhwa.dot.gov/wz/index.asp> and offers program-level public information and outreach examples on its website at http://www.ops.fhwa.dot.gov/wz/outreach/wz_awareness.htm.

The National Work Zone Safety Information Clearinghouse offers crash data, expert contacts, information on laws and regulations, brochures, fact sheets, posters, and many other resources on its website at <http://www.workzonesafety.org/>.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has created a Safety and Health Topics Page for *Highway Work Zones and Signs, Signals and Barricades*, available on the OSHA website at https://www.osha.gov/doc/highway_workzones/.

The National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) offers a number of resources such as facts, statistics, publications and educational materials on its *Highway Work Zone Safety* topics webpage, available on the CDC website at <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/highwayworkzones/>.

The TxDOT offers driving safety tips for work zone areas as well as media resources on the TxDOT website at <http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/division/traffic/safety/share-road/work-zones.html>

Transportation Safety Information (cont.)

Work Zone Safety (cont.)

- **Know Before You Go.** Check radio, TV and websites for traffic information and schedule enough time to drive safely. Expect delays and leave early so you can reach your destination on time.
- **Be Patient and Stay Calm.** Work zones are there to protect employees and drivers. Remember, the work zone crew members are working to improve the road and make your future drive better.
- **Wear Your Seatbelt.** It is your best defense in a crash.
- **Remember** - Dads, moms, sons, daughters, brothers, and sisters are employed in work zones! ▲

Safety Tips (cont.)

Eye Safety (cont.)

workplaces in 2013. According to the 2013 BLS data for Texas, the categories of “struck by an object” and “exposure to harmful substances or environments” accounted for 30 percent and 19 percent of the total work-related eye injuries requiring days away from work respectively.

Eye injuries are categorized as physical, chemical, and thermal. Physical eye injuries can result from flying or falling objects or sparks striking the eye. They are also caused by objects swinging from a fixed position such as tree limbs, ropes, chains, or tools. Other common causes of physical eye injuries are small, fast-moving particles, like debris from sanding, grinding, chipping, or similar operations.

Chemical injuries from alkalis or caustic acids can be extremely serious. Working with chemicals without adequate personal protective equipment (PPE) potentially exposes the eyes to splashes, vapors,

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Download!

TDI Resources

The DWC offers the following free safety publications related to eye safety:

- *Eye Injury Prevention Fact Sheet*
- *Eye Protection Safety Training Program*
- *Eyewash Safety Workplace Program*

These publications can be downloaded from the agency website at <http://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/safety/videoresources/index.html>, along with many other safety publications.

The DWC features a free occupational safety and health DVD loan library. Call 512-804-4620 for more information or visit the TDI website at <http://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/safety/videoresources/avcatalog.html>. DVDs on eye safety can be found under the *Eye Safety* and *Personal Protective Equipment* subject headings.

Other Resources:

OSHA offers an *Eye and Face Protection* Safety and Health Topics Page on its website at <https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/eyefaceprotection/>, as well as an *Eye and Face Protection e-Tool* at <https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/etools/eyeandface/index.html>.

The CDC publishes a number of resources such as facts, statistics, publications and educational materials on its *Vision Health Initiative* web page located at <http://www.cdc.gov/visionhealth/>.

National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) offers a Workplace Safety & Health Topics page on *Eye Safety* on its website at <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/eye/>.

Safety Tips (cont.)

Eye Safety (cont.)

and fumes. Safety goggles with direct ventilation are typically considered to be the best form of eye protection while working with hazardous chemicals.

Thermal eye injuries occur in conditions of extreme heat. A face shield is the best protection in thermal conditions. Acetate shields or other flexible plastic visor type shields that cover the face and neck are preferred. Always wear safety glasses or goggles under a face shield. A welding helmet may be required in extreme heat or concentrated light environments.

Most of these types of eye injuries can be prevented if employees correctly follow safety guidelines and use PPE. PPE is required for anyone working in or with dust, concrete, metal particles, glass, smoke, chemicals, gases, bloodborne pathogens, welding and electrical arc, thermal hazards, and fires.

There are many different types of eye protection available for use as PPE. The design, construction, testing, and use of protective eyewear must comply with the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Z87.1-1989 rating standard. Appropriate eye protection depends on the potential eye hazards present in the workplace.

Poisoning – Prevention and Treatment Tips

March 15-21 is National Poison Prevention Week, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).

Being prepared for a poisoning incident in the workplace is a crucial element of an effective Hazard Communication Program. Employees need to understand how chemicals in the workplace may pose dangers, know where hazardous substances are used or stored, and must be trained on how to appropriately respond to a poisoning incident.

Employers should ensure that chemical containers are properly and clearly labeled, and maintain copies of the corresponding Safety Data Sheets (SDS) in an easily accessible area. Additionally, employees must be informed anytime a new chemical is introduced into the workplace and trained on proper handling.

Employers should post the HRSA Poison Help Line, 800-222-1222, in an easily visible place near a telephone and/or put it on the emergency contacts roster. The Poison Help Line connects you to your local poison center. When you call, you will speak with a specially trained nurse, pharmacist, or doctor at your local poison center.

Some symptoms of poisoning are headache, dizziness, nausea, chest pains, convulsions and vomiting. Others include burns around the mouth and lips and a chemical smell on the breath.

Safety Tips (cont.)

Poisoning – Prevention and Treatment Tips (cont.)

There are several steps to follow in the event of a poisoning emergency.

- Call the Poison Help Line immediately if you suspect that a conscious victim has ingested or inhaled a poison even if you do not know the poison.
- If the victim is unconscious, having trouble breathing or has stopped breathing, call 911 and prepare to administer basic life support. Follow the instructions of the poison control center or 911 operators.
- Try to find out what, when, and how much poison was ingested. If the poisoning agent is known, bring the corresponding SDS to the scene. Do not induce vomiting or give the victim anything unless you are told to do so by the emergency operator. If you think the victim inhaled a toxin, get them to fresh air.

Information for these tips was gathered from the National Safety Council (NSC) and the Mayo Clinic websites. ▲

Download!

DWC Resources

The DWC offers the following free safety publication, available in both English and Spanish:

- *Chemical Safety FactSheet*.

This publication can be downloaded from the agency website at <http://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/safety/videoresources/index.html>, along with many other safety publications.

The DWC features a free occupational safety and health DVD loan library. For more information, call 512-804-4620 or visit the TDI website at <http://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/safety/videoresources/avcatalog.html>. Different poisoning issues are discussed in DVDs in the *Chemicals – Safety* and *HAZMAT* subject headings.

Other Resources

The HRSA provides information and resources for preventing poisonings on its website at <http://poisonhelp.hrsa.gov/index.html>.

The Texas Poison Control Network (TPCN) offers educational materials such as free downloadable fact sheets, guidance on venomous animals and plants as well as common poisons, a teacher's guide and other resources, located on the organization website at <http://www.poisoncontrol.org/education/fact-sheets.cfm>. The TPCN also supports a 24-hour poison control hotline at 1-800-222-1222.

OSHA provides a Safety and Health Topics webpage on chemical hazards and toxic substances, located on the agency website at <https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/hazardoustoxicsubstances/index.html>, that provides links to regulations, hazards, strategies for controlling exposure, and links to topics webpages on specific chemicals such as arsenic and mercury. OSHA also offers *Chemical Exposure Health Data* on its website at <https://www.osha.gov/opengov/healthsamples.html> as well as a toolkit for *Transitioning to Safer Chemicals* at https://www.osha.gov/dsg/safer_chemicals/index.html.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) offers the index webpage *Chemical Safety*, which contains links to National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) resources such as the Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards, Chemical Hazards Emergency Medical Management guide, International Chemical Safety Cards, information on emergency response and many other databases and guides. The webpage is located on the CDC website at <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/chemical-safety/>.

Regional Safety Summits

San Antonio — March 25, 2015

**Region 20 Education Service Center
1314 Hines Avenue**

Fort Worth — April 22, 2015

**Region 11 Education Service Center
1451 S. Cherry Lane, White Settlement**

The DWC is offering a series of Regional Safety Summits that provide affordable training and instruction on common causes of preventable injuries and fatalities in the workplace, as well as current and upcoming regulations in the occupational safety and health fields.

According to the most recent data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), contact with objects and equipment surpassed falls to become the second leading cause of occupational fatalities, while falls, slips and trips were the third leading cause of occupational fatalities in Texas in 2013. The Regional Safety Summits address these and other safety issues commonly encountered in the workplace. Attendees will be able to choose the sessions that are most valuable to them.

Session Options

Session Time	Option 1	Option 2
Morning	Elements of Effective Safety Programs	Requirements of a Comprehensive Hazard Communication Program
Afternoon	OSHA Written Programs and Training Requirements	Walking and Working Surfaces, Exit Routes, and Emergency Plans



Session Descriptions

Elements of Effective Safety Programs

Effectively managing how you protect your employees at work is a key factor in reducing the frequency and severity of work-related injuries and illnesses and related costs. This session will provide attendees an understanding of the elements that are necessary to create an effective and comprehensive safety program in the workplace. The presentation will explore seven core components commonly found in effective safety programs; cover program best practices; and discuss the positive effects of implementation. (3 hours)

Requirements of a Comprehensive Hazard Communication Program

Exposure to hazardous chemicals in the workplace can cause or contribute to many serious health effects for employees. In addition, some chemicals may be safety hazards and have the potential to cause fires, explosions, and other serious accidents. A comprehensive hazard communication program will help employers and employees understand the effects of chemicals found in the workplace, how to prevent exposure, and what to do in an emergency

Watch for Additional Regional Safety Summits Coming to a City Near You!

Houston: June 2015

Corpus Christi: July 2015

Waco: July 2015

Austin: August 2015

El Paso: August 2015

Dates and locations TBA

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if exposure does occur. Written hazard communication programs have specific requirements that must be met in order to comply with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) General Industry standards. This session will cover OSHA's requirements regarding materials inventory, labeling, safety data sheets, and employee training. An in-class exercise will provide attendees an example of the information and skills needed to conduct training in their own workplace that complies with OSHA's requirements. (3 hours)

OSHA Written Programs and Training Requirements

This session will review the various OSHA required and suggested written programs and training topics, including lockout-tagout, emergency action plans, and hearing conservation. Attendees will gain an understanding of when written programs must be implemented, what must be covered when conducting training, and the frequency with which training should occur. (3 hours)

Walking and Working Surfaces, Exit Routes, and Emergency Plans

Slips, trips and falls account for numerous workplace injuries every year. Maintaining clean, dry and uncluttered work environments can help prevent many of these incidents from occurring. Part one of this session will explain OSHA's General Industry standards pertaining to walking and working surfaces, including requirements for floor and wall openings, loading docks, stairways and ladders, and general housekeeping.

Part two of this session will cover the OSHA requirements for exit routes, emergency action plans and fire prevention plans. Attendees will learn the components, maintenance, safeguards, and operational features of exit routes as well as the essential elements of emergency action plans, fire prevention plans, and general fire protection best practices. (3 hours) ▲

Register!

To register, visit the TDI website at <http://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/safety/regional.html> or call 512-804-4610. Registration fee is \$50 per person (register five people and get registration for a sixth person free). Registration includes course materials, a compact disc with all four presentations, coffee and afternoon snacks.

Custom Onsite Training

The DWC offers affordable safety training courses that can be delivered onsite to businesses, groups, and trade associations, with priority given to those industries or occupations that experience high incidences of injuries, illnesses and fatalities in Texas.

The DWC offers more than 30 onsite courses, including the following:

Hazard Communication

Hazard communication is the most often cited regulation by OSHA. To maintain the safety and health of employees exposed to hazardous chemicals, certain protective measures and procedures must be followed. This program will give employers and employees the tools to find and abate hazards associated with hazardous chemicals in the workplace as well as staying within the guidelines of the OSHA regulations. Topics include federal and state regulations, rights and responsibilities, hazard determination, routes of entry, chemical inventory, Safety Data Sheets, labeling, training, HazCom program development, and reporting and spill response. *(Length: 1-3 hours.) This program may also be included in the Safety & Health Outreach Program – General Industry or Construction. Can be delivered via teleconference at no cost.* ▲

Book Your Training Class!

To request training, or for more information, call 512-804-4610 or e-mail safetytraining@tdi.texas.gov.

Free OSHA 10-Hour Construction Classes

The DWC offers free OSHA 10-Hour Construction classes in both English and Spanish in Austin, Fort Worth, El Paso, and Houston. Each two-day course is presented by authorized instructors and is designed to train employers and their employees in the essentials of occupational health and safety in construction. Classes cover specific OSHA standards and requirements as they apply to the construction industry and teach safety awareness, which helps in recognizing and reducing the risks of job site hazards. Participants who successfully complete the two-day course will receive an OSHA 10-Hour Construction class completion card within six to eight weeks.▲

Register!

For additional information on these classes, visit the TDI website at <http://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/events/index.html>.

Due to limited space, registration is required. To register or for more information on class availability, call 512-804-4610.

Safety DVDs featuring Chemical Safety

The DWC Resource Center contains approximately 4,000 DVDs in its library, including more than 40 DVDs related to the safe use of chemicals. Many titles are available in both English and Spanish. Titles and descriptions of these DVDs can be found under the subject headings *Chemicals - Safety*.

Chemical Handling Safety: Corrosives DVD2085ES

"Defines types and forms of corrosives, as well as safe use. Covers labeling, Safety Data Sheets (SDS), personal protective equipment (PPE), first aid and storage and handling." 12 min.

Chemical Handling Safety: Flammables DVD2084ES

"Defines the three forms of flammables and the properties of flammable materials. Covers how to identify flammables and how flammables should be handled and stored. Also covers SDS, emergency response, spills, fires and first aid for both exposure and burns." 14 min.

Chemical Handling Safety: Solvents DVD1658ES

"Covers common solvents and their properties. Explains handling, SDS, PPE, first aid, and storage and handling." 17 min.

Chemical Handling Safety: The Basics DVD1742ES

"Discusses hazard identification, PPE, and emergency response. Briefly covers solids, liquids and gases as well as the differences between flammables, solvents and corrosives." 17 min.▲

Book Your DVDs!

Information on how any Texas employer or employee can check out safety DVDs for free and the DWC Resource Center catalog are available on the TDI website at <http://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/safety/videoresources/avcatalog.html>.

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DWC, OSHCON, and OSHA Recognize PBP Fabrication with Exemplary Safety Program



The DWC's Occupational Safety and Health Consultation (OSHCON) Program and OSHA recently recognized the following Texas company for its outstanding safety program with a renewal of their Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP) award.

PBP Fabrication, Inc. which employs 25 people at its Odessa location, manufactures a diverse range of pressure vessels and other pressure retaining products for the oil and gas industry. This company has been granted a two-year exemption from OSHA for planned inspections.

The SHARP award recognizes small, private sector Texas employers for exemplary safety management programs and low incidence rates of work-related injuries and illnesses after participation in the DWC OSHCON program.

OSHCON is a free service designed to help employers understand and comply with OSHA standards through safety consultations conducted by DWC's professional consultants. Benefits for employers participating in the OSHCON program include prevention of work-related injuries and illnesses; confirmation to their employees and customers of their commitment to safety; public acknowledgment of their safety efforts; monetary savings to the company by reducing workers' compensation costs and other costs associated with work-related injuries and illnesses; and protection of company assets such as employees, equipment, supplies, products and facilities.

Employers receiving consultation services from the OSHCON program may be eligible for SHARP status if they have fewer than 250 employees at a worksite and fewer than 500 employees corporate-wide; have operations limited to a fixed worksite;

undergo a full-service OSHCON consultation; involve employees in the consultation process; correct all hazards identified by the consultation; and have days away, restricted or transfer (DART) and total case rate (TCR) injury and illness incidence rates below the national average for their industries. ▲

Find Out More About SHARP and OSHCON!

For further information about the OSHCON program and SHARP, call 1-800-687-7080, visit the OSHCON website at <http://www.txoshcon.com>, or e-mail OSHCON@tdi.texas.gov.

OSHA Update

OSHA Provides New Outreach Materials

OSHA has released two new bilingual on-the-job quick references for employers and employees:

- *Tree Care Workers: Know the Hazards*; and
- *Temporary Worker*.

The *Tree Care Workers: Know the Hazards* card addresses the most common tree care work hazards and offers way in which employers can prevent accidents from occurring.

The *Temporary Worker* pocket-sized pamphlet reminds individuals working through a staffing agency that they have the same rights as any other employee. The pamphlet is part of OSHA's Temporary Worker Initiative, which focuses on compliance with safety and health requirements when temporary employees fall under the joint employment of a staffing agency and a host employer.

- Both of these wallet cards can be downloaded from the Publications page on the agency website at <https://www.osha.gov/pls/publications/publication.html>. To order publications, contact OSHA's Publications Office at 202-693-1888. ▲

Free OSHA Compliance Assistance

The DWC provides a free compliance assistance service for small businesses with fewer than 250 employees at any one facility, and no more than 500 employees nationwide through its Occupational Safety and Health Consultation (OSHCON) Program. OSHCON is a non-regulatory program, and its professional safety and health consultants are available to help you identify and eliminate occupational hazards in your workplace, whether or not your company carries workers' compensation insurance. ▲

Find Out More About OSHCON!

For information about the OSHCON program and assistance with OSHA standards, contact the DWC at 1-800-687-7080 or OSHCON@tdi.texas.gov, or visit the OSHCON website at <http://www.txoshcon.com>

Report Unsafe Working Conditions

The DWC Safety Violations Hotline is a bilingual, 24-hour, toll-free telephone line that allows Texas employees to confidentially report unsafe working conditions to the DWC. By law, your employer is responsible for providing a safe work environment for you. While working, you may encounter safety and health hazards that could cause injury, illness or death.

The Safety Violations Hotline allows you, the employee, to take an active role in preventing workplace injuries, illnesses and fatalities. After the DWC receives a report of a work-related safety or health issue, its safety inspectors will work with the employer and insurance carrier to help eliminate hazards.

Employers are prohibited by law from retaliation, and may not suspend, terminate the employment of or otherwise discriminate against an employee for using the telephone service to report in good faith an alleged violation of an occupational safety or health law. ▲

Report a Safety Violation

Report workplace safety or health hazards to the Safety Violations Hotline by calling 1-800-452-9595 or use the online form at <http://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/safety/hotline.html>. Reports of violations may be made anonymously.

For questions about workers' compensation claims, call the DWC at 1-800-252-7031. To report other non-safety related workplace issues, contact 2-1-1 Texas by dialing 211 on your telephone for information about how to get in touch with the appropriate agency.

A Proactive Return to Work Process Will help Employers Reduce and Control Workers' Compensation Costs

The longer an injured employee is away from work, the higher an employer's workers compensation and related business costs will be, and the worse the impact of the injury is on the employee.

We often hear about the advantages of early return to work, but seldom hear how to successfully "do" it. Eliminating medically unnecessary lost time by having a procedure allowing and encouraging an injured employee to continue to do productive work while they recover benefits both the employer and the employee. Employers frequently believe that they do not have the time or resources to provide modified work opportunities.

The DWC provides seminars, consultations and a printed guide to help employers develop a process that suits their particular businesses and workforce needs. The information available through the DWC explores work assignment options that may not have been considered in the past. Reducing absences and costly turnover are added bonuses of a return-to-work program.

Assistance from the DWC will help employers:

- Learn how to work more effectively with claims adjusters, since employer involvement is critical in managing costs and reducing lost time;
- Understand their role and the roles of the treating doctor and claims adjuster;
- Learn how to avoid the pitfalls employers often face when attempting to bring injured employees back to work;
- Take the necessary steps to implement a return-to-work program; and
- Make "real" modified job assignments.

By returning injured employees to work while they are recuperating, they will be earning wages instead of collecting benefits that needlessly could drive workers' compensation insurance premiums higher and higher.▲

Download!

Additional information, including the *Making Return to Work - Work - for Your Business and Your Employees* guide, can be found on the agency website at <http://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/rtw/index.html>.

Book Your Seminar or Consultation!

To arrange for a seminar or consultation, to receive printed copies of the employer guide, or for additional information, call 512-804-4804 or e-mail pat.crawford@tdi.texas.gov.

Upcoming Safety Observances

March 1-31

Workplace Eye Wellness Month

March 15-21

National Poison Prevention Week

March 23-27

National Work Zone Awareness Week

April 1-30

National Distracted Driving Awareness Month

April 28

Workers' Memorial Day

May 1-31

National Electrical Safety Month

CONTACT US!

FREE OSHA COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE

- Occupational Safety and Health Consultation (OSHCON) Program

<http://www.txoshcon.com>

1-800-687-7080

OSHCON@tdi.texas.gov

SAFETY & HEALTH RESOURCES

- Free Safety and Health Publications

<http://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/safety/videoresources/index.html>

- Free Audiovisual Loans

<http://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/safety/videoresources/avcatalog.html>

512-804-4620

- Safety Training Courses and Seminars

512-804-4610

safetytraining@tdi.texas.gov

- Helpful Safety and Health Resource Links

<http://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/safety/videoresources/govunivlinks.html>

DWC RESOURCE CENTER

512-804-4620

ResourceCenter@tdi.texas.gov

OCCUPATIONAL INJURY AND ILLNESS DATA

- Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses (SOII)

<http://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/safety/sis/nonfatalhomepag.html>

512-804-5020

InjuryAnalysis@tdi.texas.gov

- Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries (CFOI)

<http://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/safety/sis/fathomepage.html>

512-804-5020

CFOI@tdi.texas.gov

REPORT A SAFETY VIOLATION OR HAZARD

- Safety Violations Hotline

Reports are taken in both English and Spanish and may be made anonymously.

1-800-452-9595

<http://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/safety/hotline.html>

RETURN TO WORK PROGRAM ASSISTANCE

512-804-5000

<http://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/rtw/index.html>

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Please forward this newsletter to friends and colleagues interested in preventing workplace injuries and illnesses.

Have a safe day!